

CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of authority, vested by the Constitution, in the governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

Virginia Clean Beaches Week

WHEREAS, the Clean Beaches Council, as part of Great Outdoors Month, has designated the week beginning June 29, 2007 as National Clean Beaches Week; and

WHEREAS, beaches represent a critical part of our natural heritage and a beautiful part of the Virginian landscape; and

WHEREAS, beaches are sensitive ecosystems, susceptible to degradation and alteration from pollution, sea level rise, natural forces, untreated sewage, and improper use; and

WHEREAS, communities throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia have undertaken significant measures to keep beaches clean and healthy; and

WHEREAS, annual trips by Virginians to the ocean, gulf, and inland beaches contribute significant resources to the local, state and national economies; and

WHEREAS, 75% of all recreational activity occurs within a half mile corridor around the shorelines of our beaches, rivers, and lakes; and

WHEREAS, coastal tourism and healthy, fresh seafood fuels robust economies – sustaining communities and supporting jobs along coastal Virginia; and

WHEREAS, all Virginians are encouraged to visit, enjoy and protect our greatest natural resource; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I Timothy M. Kaine, do hereby recognize June 29 through July 5, 2007, as **VIRGINIA CLEAN BEACHES WEEK** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.